

Please find below, Utah State Parks and Recreation news for April 6:

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- Utah State Parks Boating Safety Tip of the Week
- Youth Off-Highway Vehicle, Personal Watercraft Education Courses Now Available Online
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**UTAH STATE PARKS BOATING SAFETY TIP OF THE WEEK**

**Salt Lake** –Whether you are boating for one day or multiple days, you should always file a float plan with details about where you are heading and when you expect to return. This information helps search and rescue crews in the event of an emergency.

Boating Education Specialist Chris Haller suggests the following float plan tips. For shorter daytime outings, a verbal float plan may be sufficient. At a minimum:

- Contact a responsible person who is not going on the trip, like a close friend or relative, and provide them with your float plan.
- Leave a telephone number of the local rescue authorities that should be contacted if you are overdue.
- If you plan to extend your time on the water, be sure to let your contact person know before your float plan expires. This avoids unnecessary contact of rescue authorities.

For extended outings, a written float plan is warranted. This plan should include:

- Description of the vessel, including make, size, color, bow number, and marine band call sign.
- Trip itinerary of where you are going with a detailed description of route and intended camping spots.
- List providing number of passengers, names, addresses, and contact information for each passenger in case of an emergency.
- The license plate number and description of the tow vehicle and trailer.

For more boating safety information or to take a safe boating course, visit [stateparks.utah.gov](http://stateparks.utah.gov). Utah Boaters...WEAR IT!

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**YOUTH OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE, PERSONAL WATERCRAFT  
EDUCATION COURSES NOW AVAILABLE ONLINE**



Living with Wildlife - Red Fox: Join the park naturalist from 10 a.m. to noon to learn about the lives of local wildlife. Program is free and everyone is welcome. (435) 654-1791

April 24                                      Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse  
Antelope Island Trail Project: Join Antelope Island Trail Patrol as they work on the Mountain View Trail from 9 a.m. to noon. Volunteers should meet at the Lower Frary parking area and bring a hat, shovel, and plenty of water. Event is open to the public and volunteers are needed. [chrisharamoto@utah.gov](mailto:chrisharamoto@utah.gov)

April 24                                      Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum - Blanding  
Rio Grande Hispanic Weaving: Join Dr. Laurie Webster from 10 a.m. to noon for a free presentation focusing on the history of Rio Grande Hispanic weaving in northern New Mexico, relationships to Saltillo textiles and other Mexican weaving traditions, and contemporary Rio Grande weaving. (435) 678-2238

April 24                                      Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab  
Leapin' Lizards! Join the park naturalist at the visitor center amphitheater at 7:30 p.m. for a program about reptiles. Test your reptile knowledge, learn what lives here at Dead Horse Point and get inside the mind of a rattlesnake! This is a half-hour program. (435) 259-2614

April 24                                      Antelope Island State Park - Syracuse  
History of Sheep Ranching on Antelope Island: Join us at Fielding Garr Ranch at 2 p.m. for an informative lecture on how Antelope Island's sheep industry influenced Utah's wool market. (801) 649-5742

April 25                                      Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab  
Bats! Will you turn into a vampire if these animals bite you or go batty if one gets stuck in your hair? Join us at 7:30 p.m. at the visitor center amphitheater for a program about these rulers of the night. There will be a slide presentation, games and activities. (435) 259-2614

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